**Study Guide- Foundations of American Government**

**Who:** Mr. Fortmann’s American Issues Classes

**When:** Wednesday September 22, 2010

**Worth**: 40 Points

**What**: All material covered dealing with foundations of American Government

**Format:** Fill in, Matching, Short Answer, and Short Essay

**VOCABULARY: Know these terms and be able to provide examples:**

Government, Politics, Federalism, Republic, Expressed Power, Reserved Power, Concurrent Power, Bicameral Legislature, judicial review, limited government, Separation of Powers, Checks and Balances.

**Characteristics of American Democracy:**

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| **Name of Characteristic:** | **Where idea is taken from:** | **How applied in American Government:** |
| **Equality** |  |  |
| **Popular Sovereignty** |  |  |
| **Rule of Law** |  |  |
| **Individual liberty** |  |  |

**Authoritarian vs. Non-Authoritarian forms of Government**-

1. What are they?
2. Give examples of types in each category:

**Federalism-**

1. What is it?

4. What are the 3 types of powers discussed in Constitution and how do they relate to each other.

5. Look at “I GOT THE POWER VENN DIAGRAM” WORKSHEETS

**Separation of Powers-**

6. How does it split up power of the Federal Government?

7. What are the 3 branches?

8. What group or person heads each branch of the federal government?

9. What does each of these branches do?

**Characteristics of the 3 Branches of Government-**

10. What are the powers of each?

11. What are the Terms and Qualifications of each?

12. How are they chosen?

13. Which branch was set up by the founding fathers to have most power originally? Why?

**Splitting up of Government Power-**

14. Why and How did they do this?